

Introduced by Senator Mitchell

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An act to add Section 120511 to the Health And Safety Code, relating to sexually transmitted diseases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1090, as introduced, Mitchell. Sexually transmitted diseases: outreach and screening services.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to develop and review plans and participate in a program for the prevention and control of venereal disease, and authorizes the department to establish, maintain, and subsidize clinics, dispensaries, and prophylactic stations for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of venereal disease.

This bill would require the department, to the extent funds are appropriated by the Legislature, to allocate grants to counties for sexually transmitted disease (STD) outreach and screening services. The bill would target and prioritize counties based on population and incidence of STDs and allocate funds to targeted counties to balance the need to spread funding to as many counties as possible and the need to provide meaningful services to each funded county. If a targeted county declines a grant, the bill would authorize the department to solicit proposals from community-based organizations to provide outreach and screening services. Specified mandates and accountability measures would apply to the county of the community-based organization when providing the outreach and screening services.

This bill would require the department to authorize innovative and impactful screening services, such as voluntary screening of inmates and wards of county adult and juvenile corrections facilities, and use of state-of-the-art testing modalities. The bill would require the

department to use the accountability measures developed under the bill in order to monitor the activities funded by the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 120511 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:
3 120511. (a) To the extent funds are appropriated by the
4 Legislature for these purposes, the department shall allocate funds
5 to counties for sexually transmitted disease outreach and screening
6 services in accordance with the following:
7 (1) Counties shall be targeted and prioritized based on
8 population and incidence of sexually transmitted diseases.
9 (2) Funds shall be allocated to targeted counties in a manner
10 that balances the need to spread funding to as many counties as
11 possible and the need to provide meaningful services to each
12 funded county.
13 (3) Each recipient county shall demonstrate to the department
14 that the county has done all of the following:
15 (A) Identified priority target populations.
16 (B) Satisfactorily described its outreach protocols.
17 (C) Included community-based partners for outreach and
18 screening.
19 (D) Allocated resources for laboratory costs.
20 (4) The department shall develop measures for each county
21 funded pursuant to this section to demonstrate accountability.
22 (5) If a county declines the grant, the department may solicit
23 proposals from community-based organizations to provide outreach
24 and screening services in accordance with the same mandates and
25 accountability measures applicable to the counties pursuant to
26 paragraphs (3) and (4).
27 (b) The department shall authorize innovative and impactful
28 outreach and screening services, including, but not limited to, the
29 following:
30 (1) Voluntary screening for sexually transmitted diseases among
31 inmates and wards of county adult and juvenile correctional
32 facilities.

1 (2) Social media platforms that allow a person to receive test
2 results, share test results with partners, access treatment services
3 and reduce administrative costs.

4 (3) State-of-the-art testing modalities that ensure swift and
5 accurate screening for sexually transmitted diseases.

6 (4) Community-based testing and disease investigation.

7 (c) The department shall monitor activities in funded counties,
8 based on the accountability measures required under paragraph
9 (4) of subdivision (a) in order to assess the effectiveness of outreach
10 and screening efforts.

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